



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News Weekly Egg Products Report

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending 17-Dec-99 - Average retail and invoice prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A or better, white Large eggs in cartons, delivered store door (cents per dozen).

	Northeast	Midwest	Southern	Western	12-Metro Area
This week	63.80	48.69	52.09	71.50	61.97
Last week	52.76	47.24	42.68	65.67	54.60

Selected Cities - 17-Dec-99 **New York** 72-75 **Chicago** 61-66 **California** 77

Weekly Shell Egg and Breaking Stock Inventory - 13-Dec-99 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	135.2	208.0	114.8	186.3	189.3	833.6	475.7	1309.3
% change PW	-5	-15	8	0	-9	-6	-4	-5

Breaking Stock - 17-Dec-99 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	22-25 M 23-25	24-27
Checks & Undergrades	10-13	9-13

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 11-Dec-99.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
Current Week	1,252,677	28,840	12,003	6,585	2,738	4,170
Previous Week	1,256,059	*27,735	*12,122	7,308	2,594	4,091
Last Year	1,123,142	25,651	11,100	5,839	2,093	3,591
% Change PW	0	4	-1	-10	6	2
% Change LY	12	12	8	13	31	16
To Date 1999	55,155,163	*1,269,101	*528,840	*289,828	*126,163	175,646
To Date 1998	52,000,419	1,191,967	515,950	271,469	120,501	166,689

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE

Current Week: 41.19 **Previous Week:** 40.81 **Last Year:** 41.12

*Revises previous week liquid whole and white, year to date for liquid whole, white and yolk.

National Liquid Eggs - 17-Dec-99 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
Whole	15	20-25	22.90	-.71
Whites	16	24-27	25.44	-.13
Yolks	8	43	43.00	.57

Pasteurized whites were reported at 27.5 cents FOB. Pasteurized salt yolk trading was reported at 46 cents FOB.

Frozen Egg Prices - 17-Dec-99 - wholesale selling prices cents/lb, 30 lb containers.

Class	Trucklot	Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)		
	Eastern	Central	Eastern	South California ²
Whole	38-43 M 40-41	38-42 M 38-40	47-54	44-47
Blends ³	Too Few To Report		53-65	-
Whites	36-40 M 37-40	38-40	42-54	42-45
Yolks ⁴				
Sugared	50-55	50-54 M 50-52	57-64	57-60
Salted	45-54 M 45-50	45-51 M 48-50	56-62	54-57

² f.o.b. shipping point

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids

National Dried Egg Prices - 17-Dec-99 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.49 - 1.60	1.50 - 1.55
Yolks	1.30 - 1.40	1.30 - 1.35
Albumen, Spray Dried	2.90 - 3.18	2.97 - 3.05
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.20 - 1.30	1.20 - 1.25

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 11-Dec-99

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S. U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered

This week	2,167	This week	488	This week	2,655
Last week	2,090	Last week	419	Last week	2,509
Last year	2,379	Last year	365	Last year	2,744
To Date 1999	100,886	To Date 1999	22,316	To Date 1999	123,202
To Date 1998	98,806	To Date 1998	24,010	To Date 1998	122,816

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 04-Dec-99

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	229	0	35	264
Last year*	249	0	0	249
To date 1999	12,477	6	644	13,127
To date 1998	13,967	50	708	14,725

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 04-Dec-99

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	121	10	100	231
Last year*	28	0	0	28
To date 1999	4,359	585	310	5,254
To date 1998	3,781	198	235	4,214

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 04-Dec-99

	Jumbo	XLarge	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	45	139	3,185	1,688	9,930	0	14,987
Last year*	0	1,875	4,512	2,894	9,630	69	18,980
To date 1999	1,358	40,702	144,953	49,576	602,343	11,622	850,554
To date 1998	1,399	34,942	125,602	62,156	350,772	9,117	583,988

*Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

All prior data subject to revision. Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division. For additional information, please call (515) 284-4471.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 240,000 pounds of all purpose egg mix packaged in 10-pound bags to be used in school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. The details of this purchase--to be produced from about 17,000 cases of shell eggs from domestic production--follow:

Product	Pounds Accepted	Award Price Inv. No. 010	No. of Bids Accepted
All Purpose Egg Mix (10-pound bags)	240,000	\$1.4670 - \$1.4990	2 of 3

It was also announced that the purchase program for All Purpose Egg Mix in 10-pound bags is nearing completion.

Total purchases of all purpose egg mix since the program was announced on April 29, 1998, follow:

Commodity	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
All Purpose Egg Mix (6-oz)	2,592,000	\$5,012,000
All Purpose Egg Mix (10-lb)	480,000	\$ 794,000

Next offers under Announcement PY-218, as amended, are due by 1 p.m., Washington, D.C., time on the following date:

Inv. Number	All Purpose Egg Product Type	Offer Date	Acceptance Not Later Than Date	Delivery Period
11	all purpose egg mix (10-lb)	Dec. 27	Dec. 30 Thursday	Jan. 16-31, 2000

The awards for all purpose egg mix in 10-pound bags under Announcement PY-218, as amended, Invitation 010, to be delivered Jan. 01 to Jan. 15, 2000, follow:

Primera Foods Corporation	120,000 lbs.	@ \$1.4670-\$1.4730
Sonstegard Foods Company	120,000 lbs.	@ \$1.4990

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456. An electronic version of this food purchase report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

ALL PURPOSE EGG MIX, INVITATION NO. 11, ANNOUNCEMENT PY-218, AS AMENDED

December 16, 1999

The U.S. Department of Agriculture invites offers to sell all purpose egg mix per the Announcement for use by recipients in school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Washington D.C. time, Monday, Dec. 27. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Thursday, Dec. 30 (due to the holiday on Friday for Federal employees). Deliveries are to be made from Jan 16 to Jan. 31, 2000.

Offers are invited from the trade for all purpose egg mix packaged in polyethylene bags, 10 pounds (4.54 kg) to each bag and 40 pounds (18.14 kg) net in each fiberboard shipping container. A purchase unit will consist of 1,000 shipping containers (four 10-pound (4.54 kg) polyethylene bags each) totaling 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg) net weight.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Total quantity for commodity type and this invitation is 240,000 pounds.

Inquiries about Announcement PY-218, as amended, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for All Purpose Egg Mix, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456, telephone (202) 720-7693. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

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